WASHINGTON, DC— Congressman Melvin Watt (NC-12) is urging constituents who believe they have been wronged in a foreclosure or threatened foreclosure on their primary residence in 2009 or 2010 to request a free, independent review of their mortgage file. Large mortgage servicers have been ordered by federal bank regulators to identify borrowers who may have been harmed by errors and improper practices in foreclosure or threatened foreclosure and to review each of their mortgage files for financial harm. Eligible borrowers can request a free review at independentforecl

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or by calling (888) 952-9105. If the review finds that financial harm has occurred, borrowers may receive compensation or other relief. A borrower does not need to have lost their home to participate.

The deadline for requesting a review is December 31, 2012.

Congressman Mel Watt said: "Borrowers who believe they were victims of foreclosure errors should take advantage of this opportunity to request a free and independent review. Borrowers give up nothing by requesting a review. While no amount of monetary relief offered under this program will repair the financial and emotional damage many in my District have suffered, it is a start towards helping these individuals and families recover."

Further information about this program can be found at watt.house.gov or independentforeclosurereview.com.